

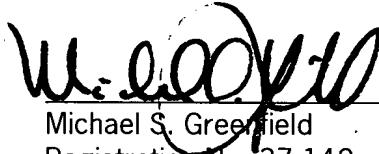
## **REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments of this U.S. national phase of a PCT application merely remove all multiple dependencies in order to reduce the filing fee. No new subject matter has been added, nor has the scope of the claims been amended.

Enclosed herewith is the ISR and a PTO Form 1449 listing the art cited in the ISR. We understand copies of the art cited in the ISR will be forwarded to the PTO by the International Authorities.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this Preliminary Amendment or application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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